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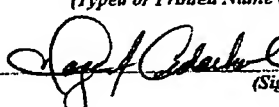
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to telephone messages exchanged with Examiner Ruhl (703-308-2262) in regards to a *Restriction Requirement*, this *Response* points out that the *Restriction Requirement* was evidently made in error and Applicants herein respectfully request correction of said error.

In an Office Action mailed 28 October 2004, the Examiner alleges that the application contains 114 claims directed to three inventions. The above-cited application, however, contains only 72 claims, all of which directed to a single invention. Specifically, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that:

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Claims 1-84

Claims 85-104

Claims 105-114

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Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

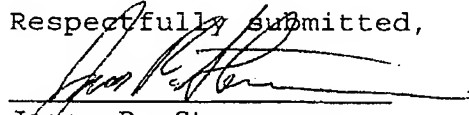
In one of the aforementioned telephone messages, the Examiner requested the filing of this Response as the prerequisite for him to withdraw or otherwise correct this erroneously issued Restriction Requirement. Applicants look forward to the correction of this error and thank the Examiner for his attention to same.

As mentioned in our telephone messages, this Response is being submitted by facsimile transmission to Examiner Ruhl at (703) 872-9306.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response To Restriction Requirement, he is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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